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## What They Are Saying About Us

San Diego, Cal., Mar. 9.—Operation of many of the 300 wells that have made the Lower Mimbres valley a garden-spot is shown in colored photographic slides, which are a feature of the entertainments given in the auditorium of the New Mexico building at the Panama-California Exposition here. When the agriculturist hears that these wells are inexhaustible, the water in them being lowered not at all despite the immense volume pumped out, he immediately begins to "sit up and take notice."

There also are slides of farming and fruit growing. All form an admirable publicity scheme in behalf of Columbus and the Lower Mimbres valley.

It is the aim of the commission to boost it all the time. Columbus and the Lower Mimbres valley are receiving their share of this publicity, and it is evident that the results will be big.

The fact of the big growth of the section and city in three years is something that has definite appeal and a "pull." The average man from the East is seeking a "new country" in which to hew out his fortune; generally, the newer the better, for he realizes that there are more abundant opportunities awaiting him. For this reason, Columbus and the Lower Mimbres are in the most favorable position for development to attract settlers. Enough has been done to show the great possibilities of the section, but many more visitors that opportunities still wait at every turn for the hustler.

The lecture details this growth and the foundations for it. The great supplies of underground water in the Mimbres and the remarkable fertility of the alluvial soil of the valley: light loam on clay base, which holds the water, the whole having a gentle slope which prevents the ground becoming water-logged. Next, the products are enumerated and described: barley, oats, wheat, beans, alfalfa, forage crops, garden truck, fruits and watermelons. To the man who seeks a location, nothing the whole Exposition has to show surpasses the Lower Mimbres valley.

Exceptional climate, warm winters and cool summers, with protection by the mountains against storms, are emphasized again and again.

Columbus' location as the center of this rich region is an important part of the lecture. Its growth during recent years, and its position as shipping point for an immense territory outside the Lower Mimbres itself commends it especially to the man who wishes to open a business house and who has money to invest. Its climate, schools, railroad facilities and numerous other advantages are told in detail.

## Another New Well

G. E. Parks and Chas. S. Wilson got a good well on their claim ten miles out last week. The well is eighty feet deep and the water rose twenty feet within a few minutes, and was still rising. A hole was bored eighteen inches in diameter and it is thought that it will furnish ample water for irrigating a garden and truck patch. Stevenson and French did the drilling of the well.

## Be Not Fashioned According To This Age

There is always a better age, always a nobler life, always some more radiant state into which mankind may be transformed and that is reconciliation with God. How is this transformation to take place? The mind is to be renewed. That is, the innermost being, the spirit, is to be recast by this power in such a fashion that the soul will be able to feel or experience what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God for him. The idea is something like this:

There are two worlds; there is the actual world of natural desires and tendencies and evolution and there is the ideal world, the world as God wishes it to be and the world as in Christ he is making it to be. Our souls stand between the two. Our souls are either the barrier or the medium of Christ. An electric current is checked by some substance known as insulators, but is carried on by others known as conductors. So souls are either the insulators or conductors of Christ. We must not imagine that the world is going to realize the love of God and become a heavenly world such as the Bible foreshadows by merely drifting. It requires deliberate effort on the part of men who have definitely yielded themselves to God for this purpose. The Bible challenges all men to join in a great concerted effort to establish in the sublime ideas of love, which it sets forth. It challenges us: "On whose side are you?" It cries: "On the side of hatred and chaos and the old blind stupidities or on the side of God, of love, of beauty and joy of the Lord Christ?" It is more than just believing in Christ and wanting to be good. The Bible and through the Bible our Lord Jesus Christ is not satisfied with that. We are challenged to a very different attitude. This is to be the great mission of our lives to set ourselves definitely, intelligently and purposefully to discover how we can live to make the great revelations in the Bible the actual staff of life. We have the shaping of that bit of the world we call our life. I wonder what we shall make of it? But there is something before any successful effort on our part, and that is an inward change, this renewing of the mind, this believing on Christ. It is not enough to recognize and welcome this wonderful vision of God set forth in the Bible. We need, ourselves, to be personally in touch with God in our hearts. We need to wait upon the Lord, to pray to God, to seek Him earnestly until at last—or it may be very soon—the great fact of God shall burst upon us with power and we shall no longer accept God on hearsay, even on the hearsay of the apostles, but shall experience Him for ourselves; be assured this is possible. If you do not yet know God for yourself, seek after Him, watch for Him, give yourself to constant and diligent prayer, and He will come; the Eternal Christ will reveal Himself to you also.

C. H. BODDINGTON.

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce has begun to receive inquiries in regard to real estate, etc., here, and no doubt this organization will prove of much value to all in bringing more homeseekers to the Lower Mimbres.

## New Mexico Song Adopted by State

Under a sky of azure  
Where balmy breezes blow,  
Kissed by the golden sunshine  
Is Nuevo Mexico;  
Home of the Montezuma  
With fiery heart aglow  
State of deeds historic  
Is Nuevo Mexico.

Refrain.

O fair New Mexico  
We love, we love you so  
Our hearts with pride o'erflow  
No matter where we go:  
O fair New Mexico,  
We love, we love you so  
The grandest state we know,  
New Mexico.

Rugged and high Sierras  
With deep canons below,  
Dotted with fertile valleys  
Is Nuevo Mexico;  
Fields full of sweet alfalfa,  
Richest perfumes bestow:  
State of the apple blossom,  
Is Nuevo Mexico.

Days that are filled with heart dreams,  
Nights when the moon hangs low  
Breathing its benediction,  
O'er Nuevo Mexico;  
Land with its bright manana  
Coming through weal and woe:  
State of our exuberance,  
Is Nuevo Mexico.

—Elizabeth Garrett.

## Will Help Beautify The City

J. W. Blair has planted flowers and shrubbery in his yard and is planting forest trees on all the property he owns here. He has a number of two year old trees around his residence now, and with the additional plants and shrubs he has planted this spring will have a very attractive home this summer. He was out after a load of cottonwood trees, Wednesday, and has since planted them. We hope to see a large part of our citizenship follow suit.

## A Big Snow

The people of this vicinity were surprised Monday morning to see the ground carpeted with the white stuff again. It began snowing early in the morning Monday and continued throughout the day, and at night there was about four inches of snow. It did not turn cold and the snow melted away almost as rapidly as it had fallen. The unusual amount of moisture which is now stored in the ground will be worth thousands of dollars to the Lower Mimbres this season.

## Mrs. J. S. Anderson now at Home

Mrs. J. S. Anderson who was in a hospital in El Paso for a few weeks is now at home and is enjoying a visit from one of her old friends, Mrs. J. N. Jackson, of Bogalusa, Louisiana. Mrs. Anderson is now able to receive visitors.

The literary met last evening. A constitution was adopted and it was agreed to hold meetings weekly, hereafter. The old officers were re-elected and will serve for three months. A good program was given.

## Chamber of Commerce Meets 22nd

The meeting of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce has been postponed to Monday evening, March 22nd, as it is expected that the roads will be dry by that time and the people from the country can get in. The regular meeting date was set for the second Monday evening at 7:30 p. m., but it has been suggested to change the date to near the time of the full moon in each month, making it possible for all the people to come. This we believe is a good idea and hope to see the change made.

## Church Notes

Services will be held next Sunday at the Methodist Church as follows:

Morning service at 11:30 o'clock, subject, "Christ and Democracy." In the evening the Epworth League, which will commence at 8:45 and be in charge of Mrs. Boddington, the subject will be "Epworthians as Dye Builders against Rum." The Pastor will speak on "The Magnitude and Seriousness of The Liquor Problem." A cordial invitation is given to all to attend these services.

Choir practice at the Church on Thursday afternoon at 5:30.

Mrs. Lingo will entertain the Ladies Aid with a St. Patrick's Tea, Wednesday, March 17th. All the ladies are cordially invited.

A pipe line has been laid from the town well to the residence of J. W. Blair. The people who live on East Boundary street all now have water piped to their doors.

## Delightfully Surprise Mr. Greenwood

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Greenwood gave a surprise party for Mr. Greenwood, in honor of his birthday and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by those present. Friends were not far from.

## Ferguson Appointed Secretary

Hon. Harry H. Ferguson, ex-congressman from this state, on his retirement as a member of congress on March 4th, was appointed private secretary to William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state. His many friends and supporters of Mr. Ferguson will heartily welcome his appointment.

## Common Sense

Longfellow could take a worth less piece of paper and write a sermon and make it worth \$50,000—that's genius. There are some who will come to the same words on a piece of paper and make it worth \$5,000,000—that's capital. The United States can take an ounce and a quarter of gold and make it worth \$20—that's money. A machine can take material worth \$5 and make it into watch springs worth \$1,000—that's skill. There is a man in Chicago who can take a fifty cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth \$1,000—that's art. A Greek can take an article worth 70¢ and sell it for \$1—that's business. A roman could purchase a lot for 70¢ but prefers one worth \$27—that's foolishness. A diller digger handles several tons of earth for \$1.50 a day—that's labor. The author of this can write a check for \$1,000,000, but it wouldn't be worth a dime—that's power. There are people who will tell you that other papers are as good as this—that's nerve. Take \$1.50 and get a year's subscription to THE COURIER—that's common sense.

## Vaudeville—Moving Pictures

The Thirteenth Cavalry will give an entertainment at the new moving picture building on Wednesday evening, March 11st, the proceeds to go to the Thirteenth Cavalry baseball team. There will at this show, be three reels of moving pictures, featuring the World series ball games, also several vaudeville acts, talent furnished by the men of the Thirteenth Cavalry. This will be one of the best shows ever put on here and many of the people of Columbus will not miss the opportunity of seeing it. Admission fee will be twenty-five cents. Get your tickets early.

## League to Have St. Patrick's Day Banquet

On next Tuesday evening the Epworth League will give a supper for its members, in order that all may get together and have a good time. There will be a nominal charge, simply to defray the expense—hand in your name at once, either to Mrs. Beck or Mr. Boddington, so it can be determined the number to set plates for. It is desired that every Epworthian, those of you who have been in the League but think you are getting too old (you're not) and all the close friends of the League are urged to come.

## Elect A New School Board

The town of Columbus will elect a school board on Tuesday, April 6th, consisting of five members, three to serve four years and two to serve two years. The old directors all go out this spring and a complete new board is elected. A notice is posted calling an election on Apr. 5th for the election of our director, but we are informed by Miss Grace G. Goebel, county superintendent of schools, that a new board is to be elected, and the notice should read "five" instead of one.

We quote the school law as follows:

Chapter 57, laws of 1913. Section 1. Hereafter there shall be elected in each incorporated town or village a board of education consisting of five members who shall have the same qualifications provided by law for members of boards of education in incorporated cities, and who shall be elected at large from any portion of the territory subject to the jurisdiction of such board of education.

Sec. 2. The qualified electors of such town or village and those residing in any portion of the territory subject to the jurisdiction of said board of education, shall on the first Tuesday in April, in the year 1913, elect five members of board of education, two of whom shall hold office for a term of two years, and three of whom shall hold office for a term of four years, and thereafter an election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April every odd year to fill the vacancies.

## Why He Did Not Pay

A preacher at the close of his sermon said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Presumably every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet.

The preacher seated them and said: "Now every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception, a careworn, hungry looking individual, clothed in his best summer suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position.

"How is it, my friend," asked the minister. "You are the only man not able to meet his obligations?"

"I run a newspaper," he answered, "and the brethren who stood up are my subscribers."

"Let us pray," exclaimed the preacher.—Ex.

## OPENING

The Columbus State Bank will open in its new building Monday, March 15th, and the Officers and Directors extend to their friends and patrons a cordial invitation to inspect its new home. Everybody come; you are well come.

J. L. GREENWOOD.

## New Front In Drug Store

A new glass front is being put in the Miller Drug Store this week. L. J. Peach is doing the work. This will improve the looks of the drug store considerably, and will be in accordance with the fronts of the other stores in the block.

J. W. Blair made a business trip to Deming this week.